

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
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vs.)	PCB No. 10-18
)	(Enforcement-Water)
SCHAUBLE DEVELOPMENT, LLC,)	
an Illinois limited liability company,)	
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Respondent.)	

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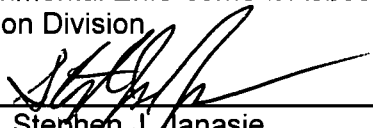
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 17, 2010, I electronically filed with the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board of the State of Illinois, a MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM HEARING REQUIREMENT and STIPULATION AND PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT, copies of which are attached hereto and herewith served upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

LISA MADIGAN,
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Dated: June 17, 2010

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I did on June 17, 2010, cause to be served by First Class Mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, by depositing in a United States Post Office Box in Springfield, Illinois, a true and correct copy of the following instruments entitled NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING, MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM HEARING REQUIREMENT and STIPULATION AND PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT upon the persons listed on the Service List.



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MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM HEARING REQUIREMENT

NOW COMES Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by LISA MADIGAN, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and pursuant to Section 31(c)(2) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2008), moves that the Illinois Pollution Control Board grant the parties in the above-captioned matter relief from the hearing requirement imposed by Section 31(c)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2008). In support of this motion, Complainant states as follows:

1. On August 28, 2009, a Complaint was filed with the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") in this matter.
1. The parties have reached agreement on all outstanding issues in this matter.
2. This agreement is presented to the Board in a Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement, filed contemporaneously with this motion.
3. All parties agree that a hearing on the Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement is not necessary, and respectfully request relief from such a hearing as allowed by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2008).

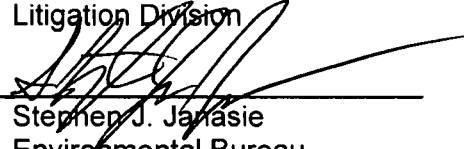
WHEREFORE, Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, hereby requests that the Board grant this motion for relief from the hearing requirement set forth in Section 31(c)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2008).

Respectfully submitted,

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STIPULATION AND PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT

Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by LISA MADIGAN, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA"), and SCHAUBLE DEVELOPMENT, LLC ("Respondent") ("Parties to the Stipulation"), have agreed to the making of this Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement ("Stipulation") and submit it to the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") for approval. This stipulation of facts is made and agreed upon for purposes of settlement only and as a factual basis for the Board's approval of this Stipulation and issuance of relief. None of the facts stipulated herein shall be introduced into evidence in any other proceeding regarding the violations of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/1 *et seq.* (2008), and the Board's Regulations, alleged in the Complaint except as otherwise provided herein. It is the intent of the Parties to the Stipulation that it be a final adjudication of this matter.

I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. Parties

1. On August 28, 2009, a Complaint was filed on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois by Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, on her own motion and upon the request of the Illinois EPA, pursuant to Section 31 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31 (2008), against the Respondent.

2. The Illinois EPA is an administrative agency of the State of Illinois, created pursuant to Section 4 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/4 (2008).

3. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Respondent was and is an Illinois limited liability company registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office and in good standing. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Respondent was the owner of and contractor for Stonegate subdivision, Section 2, now named The Reserves at Stonegate ("Stonegate"). Stonegate totals approximately 20 acres and is located north of Sheridan Road and southwest of the unincorporated community of Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois. Stonegate's receiving water is Lick Creek.

4. On November 30, 2006, James KammueLLer ("inspector") of the Illinois EPA's Peoria Regional Office performed an inspection at Stonegate. At that time, Respondent had two homes under construction, but these construction sites lacked adequate erosion and sediment controls. Also, Respondent had not completed the road paving work in Stonegate.

5. On November 30, 2006, sediment from the construction sites and the road bed was entering two storm inlets at the northwest corner of the property. The sediment was entering beneath the silt fence covering the street inlet and the curb inlet was unprotected.

6. On May 16, 2007, the inspector re-inspected Stonegate. At that time, Respondent had two homes under construction, but these construction sites lacked adequate erosion and sediment controls. Also, Respondent's vacant and barren lots lacked adequate erosion and sediment controls.

7. On May 16, 2007, sediment and muddy water was present in the street at several locations. The street inlet silt fence had been removed. Sediment was also present downstream of the west side storm sewer outfall, and Lick Creek contained turbidity of other than natural origin.

8. On April 22, 2008, the inspector re-inspected Stonegate. At that time, Respondent had placed mulch-filled socks on vacant lot areas, but these socks were not properly maintained. Respondent had not placed adequate erosion and sediment control measures at home construction sites. Additionally, Respondent had left the curb storm inlets unprotected and the silt fence covering the street inlets was not secured.

B. Allegations of Non-Compliance

Complainant contends that the Respondent has violated the following provisions of the Act and Board regulations:

Count I: Section 12(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(a) (2008), Section 302.203 of the Illinois Pollution Control Board's Water Quality Standards, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.203.

The Respondent caused or threatened water pollution by failing to provide adequate stormwater pollution controls. The Respondent caused waters of the State to contain turbidity of other than natural origin, by discharging contaminant-laden stormwater runoff.

Count II: Section 12(f) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(f) (2008), Section 309.102(a) of the Board's Water Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 309.102(a).

The Respondent violated the terms of its NPDES permit by failing to implement adequate erosion controls at the site and by discharging sediment-laden runoff into a water of the State.

C. Admission of Violations

The Respondent admits to the violations alleged in the Complaint filed in this matter and referenced within Section I.B herein.

D. Compliance Activities to Date

Prior to the filing of the Complaint, Respondent met with representatives of Attorney General of the State of Illinois and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Following that meeting, Respondent implemented adequate stormwater pollution and erosion controls at the site.

II. APPLICABILITY

This Stipulation shall apply to and be binding upon the Parties to the Stipulation. The Respondent shall not raise as a defense to any enforcement action taken pursuant to this Stipulation the failure of any of its officers, directors, agents, employees or successors or assigns to take such action as shall be required to comply with the provisions of this Stipulation. This Stipulation may be used against the Respondent in any subsequent enforcement action or permit proceeding as proof of a past adjudication of violation of the Act and the Board Regulations for all violations alleged in the Complaint in this matter, for purposes of Sections 39 and 42 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/39 and 42 (2008).

III. IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC RESULTING FROM ALLEGED NON-COMPLIANCE

Section 33(c) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/33(c)(2008), provides as follows:

In making its orders and determinations, the Board shall take into consideration all the facts and circumstances bearing upon the reasonableness of the emissions, discharges, or deposits involved including, but not limited to:

1. the character and degree of injury to, or interference with the protection of the health, general welfare and physical property of the people;
2. the social and economic value of the pollution source;
3. the suitability or unsuitability of the pollution source to the area in which it is located, including the question of priority of location in the area involved;
4. the technical practicability and economic reasonableness of reducing or eliminating the emissions, discharges or deposits resulting from such pollution source; and
5. any subsequent compliance.

In response to these factors, the Parties to the Stipulation state the following:

1. Human health and the environment were threatened by the Respondent's violations.
2. A subdivision has social and economic benefit.
3. Construction of the subdivision was suitable for the area in which it was

constructed.

4. The implementation of adequate stormwater pollution and erosion controls at the site was both technically practicable and economically reasonable.

5. Respondent has subsequently complied with the Act and the Board Regulations.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF SECTION 42(h) FACTORS

Section 42(h) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(h)(2008), provides as follows:

In determining the appropriate civil penalty to be imposed under . . . this Section, the Board is authorized to consider any matters of record in mitigation or aggravation of penalty, including but not limited to the following factors:

1. the duration and gravity of the violation;
2. the presence or absence of due diligence on the part of the respondent in attempting to comply with requirements of this Act and regulations thereunder or to secure relief therefrom as provided by this Act;
3. any economic benefits accrued by the respondent because of delay in compliance with requirements, in which case the economic benefits shall be determined by the lowest cost alternative for achieving compliance;
4. the amount of monetary penalty which will serve to deter further violations by the respondent and to otherwise aid in enhancing voluntary compliance with this Act by the respondent and other persons similarly subject to the Act;
5. the number, proximity in time, and gravity of previously adjudicated violations of this Act by the respondent;
6. whether the respondent voluntarily self-disclosed, in accordance with subsection i of this Section, the non-compliance to the Agency; and
7. whether the respondent has agreed to undertake a "supplemental environmental project," which means an environmentally beneficial project that a respondent agrees to undertake in settlement of an enforcement action brought under this Act, but which the respondent is not otherwise legally required to perform.

In response to these factors, the Parties to the Stipulation state as follows:

1. The Respondent failed to implement adequate stormwater pollution and erosion controls and discharged sediment-laden runoff into a water of the State. The violations began

on or around November 30, 2006, and each violation was individually resolved after Respondent was notified by the Office of the Attorney General and the Illinois EPA on August 10, 2009 of its failure to comply with the Act and Board regulations.

2. The Respondent was diligent in attempting to come back into compliance with the Act, Board regulations and applicable federal regulations, once the Illinois EPA notified it of its noncompliance.

3. The Respondent received no economic benefit from the noncompliance.

4. Complainant has determined, based upon the specific facts of this matter, that a penalty of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Two Dollars (\$2,752.00) will serve to deter further violations and aid in future voluntary compliance with the Act and Board regulations.

5. To Complainant's knowledge, Respondent has no previously adjudicated violations of the Act.

6. Self-disclosure is not at issue in this matter.

7. The settlement of this matter does not include a supplemental environmental project.

V. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

A. Penalty Payment

1. The Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Two Dollars (\$2,752.00) within thirty (30) days from the date the Board adopts and accepts this Stipulation.

B. Interest and Default

1. If the Respondent fails to make any payment required by this Stipulation on or before the date upon which the payment is due, the Respondent shall be in default and the remaining unpaid balance of the penalty, plus any accrued interest, shall be due and owing immediately. In the event of default, the Complainant shall be entitled to reasonable costs of

collection, including reasonable attorney's fees.

2. Pursuant to Section 42(g) of the Act, interest shall accrue on any penalty amount owed by the Respondent not paid within the time prescribed herein. Interest on unpaid penalties shall begin to accrue from the date such are due and continue to accrue to the date full payment is received. Where partial payment is made on any penalty amount that is due, such partial payment shall be first applied to any interest on unpaid penalties then owing.

C. Payment Procedures

All payments required by this Stipulation shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois EPA for deposit into the Environmental Protection Trust Fund ("EPTF"). Payments shall be sent by first class mail and delivered to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

The name, case number and the Respondent's federal tax identification numbers shall appear on the face of the certified check or money order. A copy of the certified check or money order and any transmittal letter shall be sent to:

Environmental Bureau
Illinois Attorney General's Office
500 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

D. Future Compliance

1. In addition to any other authorities, the Illinois EPA, its employees and representatives, and the Attorney General, her employees and representatives, shall have the right of entry into and upon the Respondent's facility which is the subject of this Stipulation, at all reasonable times for the purposes of conducting inspections and evaluating compliance status. In conducting such inspections, the Illinois EPA, its employees and representatives, and

the Attorney General, her employees and representatives, may take photographs, samples, and collect information, as they deem necessary.

2. This Stipulation in no way affects the responsibilities of the Respondent to comply with any other federal, state or local laws or regulations, including but not limited to the Act and the Board Regulations.

3. The Respondent shall cease and desist from future violations of the Act and Board Regulations that were the subject matter of the Complaint.

E. Release from Liability

In consideration of the Respondent's payment of the \$2,752.00 penalty and its commitment to cease and desist as contained in Section V.D. above, and upon the Board's approval of this Stipulation, the Complainant releases, waives and discharges the Respondent from any further liability or penalties for the violations of the Act and Board Regulations that were the subject matter of the Complaint herein. The release set forth above does not extend to any matters other than those expressly specified in Complainant's Complaint filed on August 28, 2009. The Complainant reserves, and this Stipulation is without prejudice to, all rights of the State of Illinois against the Respondent with respect to all other matters, including but not limited to, the following:

- a. criminal liability;
- b. liability for future violation of state, federal, local, and common laws and/or regulations;
- c. liability for natural resources damage arising out of the alleged violations; and
- d. liability or claims based on the Respondent's failure to satisfy the requirements of this Stipulation.

Nothing in this Stipulation is intended as a waiver, discharge, release, or covenant not to sue for any claim or cause of action, administrative or judicial, civil or criminal, past or future, in

law or in equity, which the State of Illinois may have against any person, as defined by Section 3.315 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315, or entity other than the Respondent.

F. Enforcement and Modification of Stipulation

Upon the entry of the Board's Order approving and accepting this Stipulation, that Order is a binding and enforceable order of the Board and may be enforced as such through any and all available means.

G. Execution of Stipulation

The undersigned representatives for the Parties to the Stipulation certify that they are fully authorized by the party whom they represent to enter into the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and to legally bind them to it.

WHEREFORE, the Parties to the Stipulation request that the Board adopt and accept the foregoing Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement as written.

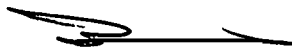
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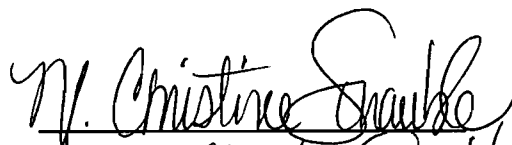
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